



FIRE SPRINKLER CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF NEBRASKA

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Meeting Minutes
February 14, 2012

Opening:

The regular meeting of FSCAN was called to order at 10:38am on Tuesday, February 14, 2012 at the Nebraska Children's Home Society in Omaha, NE by Matt Carey.

Present:

Donna Kohlan, Jim Kenney, Melissa Spencer, Bob Mahoney, Matt Carey, Les Swanson, Rich Graham, Jim Miller, Bob Jedlicka, Logan Papik and Jim Leach

A. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

B. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

C. Calendar of Events

March 2012	Ballots to be sent to Contractor members only for voting
March 13 th , 2012	Board of Directors and General Meeting at Nebraska Children's Home Society in Omaha, NE
April 10 th , 2012	Board of Directors and General Meeting & Officer Elections at Nebraska Children's Home Society in Omaha, NE
May 4 th , 2012	Backflow Preventer Continuing Education Seminar & Board of Directors only Meeting to be held during seminar – Announcement of new officers to be made
August 3 rd , 2012	6 th Annual Burn Aid Golf Classic at Tregaron in Bellevue, NE
October 2012	Sprinkler Advantage Seminar class – Terry Phillips

D. Open Issues

Residential Fire Sprinklers – takes 3 years to get through federal register (2015/2016 before anything happens).

Bob Mahoney Jr. with Mahoney Fire Sprinkler has possession of the NE Riser Tags. Please order through the FSCAN website or contact Bob at bmahoneyjii@cox.net

Email any ideas for guest speakers to Matt Carey at mcarey@nifcomechanical.com

E. New Business

SFPE (Society of Fire Protection Engineers) has lunch meetings on 2nd Wednesday of each month. We talked about possibly moving the location of our monthly meetings to meet at the same place as SFPE, or moving up the time so we could attend SFPE meetings after ours. This may help in gaining attendance and would allow us to take advantage of being able to listen to their guest speakers. If a change were to be implemented, a heads-up would be given to all members to ensure there is no conflict.

It costs \$25 to become a SFPE member and it costs \$15 to attend a SFPE meeting (included food). If you are a non-member, the cost to attend the meeting is \$20.00 (including food). SFPE meets at Valentino's on 103rd and Maple starting at 11:30am.

FSCAN made a \$250.00 donation to the Eastern Nebraska 4-H Center to help fund scholarships for campers.

We need to put policies and procedures in place for when the burn trailer is requested.

F. Golf Tournament

We have picked a date of Friday, August 3rd, 2012. The event will be held at Tregaron Golf Course again this year! Flyers and business cards have been printed and are in the possession of Melissa Spencer at Ahern Fire Protection.

We need to get a head start this year with advertising of the golf tournament. We should all be starting to solicit businesses for donations and/or sponsorships.

G. Treasurer Report

Approved as read. Ending balance was \$11,490.17

H. Residential Sprinklers

LB 949 – Working with Jerry Stilmock on LR384

LR209 – Statewide code application process

Codes are possibly under review for changes in 2012

I. Fire Marshals Minute

124 plans reviewed in January. Up from previous year.

Jim Heine noted that those required to have quarterly inspections can perform themselves if we, the contractors, feel they are competent. Otherwise, we should be performing.

There is a link on the NE State Fire Marshal website in regards to Title 153, Chapter 19 on Sprinkler Regulations. Feel free to offer suggestions, comments, etc.

Jim would like us to send him a list of any locations that you can think of that have commercial hood systems where a wet pipe sprinkler system is installed in them, or, send him the location as you come across them.

Questions or Suggestions?? Please contact new plans examiner, Jim Kenney by phone 402-471-9469 or by email jim.kenney@nebraska.gov

J. Round Table

There will be another pipe increase in February and will most likely continue to increase until May. Pipe increases generally follow with oil and scrap metal price increases.

Lots of upcoming projects to bid on by the end of March. Several schools in Iowa as well as the Omaha Fire Department Headquarters.

NFSA – there is a possibility of creating a Nebraska Chapter for NFSA Members. It would be open to any current NFSA members in the state of Nebraska. Terry noted that they are getting a new president.

Permit requests for the City of Omaha are now available online, along with an 8% fee increase whether submitting online or by mail. The goal is to submit and review electronically.

We need to improve attendance at the FSCAN meetings by advertising a little more about our meetings and what they are about (topics of discussion, changes to regulations, guest speakers, etc.).

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 12:08pm by Matt Carey.

Agenda for Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting will be a Board of Directors and General meeting and is scheduled for March 13th, 2012 in Omaha, NE.

Call meeting to order

Introductions

Last meeting minutes

Calendar of events

Open Issues

New Business

Golf Tournament

Treasurers Report

Residential Sprinklers

Fire Marshals Minute

Round Table Discussion

Lunch – Provided by FSCAN

Minutes submitted by: Melissa Spencer